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Eager pupils put on their aprons and raided the kitchen supplies as they took part in a cooking day with TV chef Jamie Oliver. The lesson was streamed globally to many different venues and sites



Farley cooks good food with Jamie!

PUPILS took part in a global cooking day led by celebrity chef Jamie Oliver.

Farley Junior School participated in the Food Revolution Day, a campaign which has been led by the Jamie Oliver Food Foundation in the UK and USA, and The Good Foundation in Australia.

It aimed to highlight the importance of cooking good food from scratch and featured Jamie hosting a live lesson via a video link streamed worldwide.

The children learnt how to make a tasty, nutritious rainbow salad wrap featuring beetroot, carrots, white cabbage, pear,

Feta cheese, and dressings.

In addition to joining in the cooking lesson, pupils also took part in Jamie's Guinness World Record attempt to have the most number of participants in a cookery lesson in 24 hours (in multiple venues).

Barbara Maycock, a teacher at Farley Junior School, said: "Cooking is undoubtedly one of the most valuable skills our children can ever learn."

"By encouraging pupils to learn about food and teach them the basics about cooking in a fun and engaging way, they will develop the right skills they need to live healthier lives."

Praise for duo who saved vicar trapped under a car

BY CARL MUNGABI

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TWO men have spoken of the moment they went to the rescue of a vicar who had been pinned under a car in Luton town centre.

Professional boxer Manny Muhammad, 32, and taxi driver Zulfiqar Afsar, 34, rushed to help Reverend Mike Jones, of St Mary's Church, who was cycling when the incident happened.

Both men managed to lift the car long enough for Rev'd Jones to be pulled free before the emergency services arrived on the scene.

An air ambulance was called and landed on Chapel Street Viaduct although Rev'd Jones was taken to hospital by a land ambulance.

Fortunately, he only suffered bad cuts and burns. On social media site Twitter he tweeted that doctors had told him he was the 'luckiest man in the county'.

Mr Afsar said he had been driving ahead of Rev'd Jones when he heard the impact caused by the accident involving a vehicle behind him.

He said: "I could hear a man shouting for help so I stopped my car in the middle of the road and got out."

"I could see a foot so I ran over and tried to pick up the other car by myself. I started shouting for help

and this guy came to give me a hand. We managed to put the car on one side. We put the injured man on the floor and a lady started talking to him and calming him."

Mr Muhammad said: "I did not see the incident, I heard it, but as soon as I realised what had happened, I ran over to help the guy who was trying to lift the car."

"It was a horrific incident and he (the Rev'd) was in bad shape."

"He had blood on his face and hand, and his eye had closed up. As a boxer, I see this all the time when there's a big impact on the eye."

"It was very, very traumatic because you do not wake up in the morning expecting to see these

things happening."

Since the incident both men have been congratulated for their actions and praised by both the ambulance service and St Mary's Church.

Mr Afsar said he acted quickly as he felt it was his 'duty as a Muslim', whilst Mr Muhammad said he felt that "when you see someone in need, you have to help them".

A statement released by St Mary's said: "All in the parish, especially, Mike's family, are deeply grateful for the care shown by the passers-by, a sign, say Anne Adams and Richard Orrin (Churchwardens of St Mary's), of the great community that makes up Luton."

"Rev'd Mike has been in Luton for

ten months now. He has already made a significant impact on the church and become involved in the Luton community."

"We are praying for him to make a speedy recovery and in the meantime are grateful for the attention of the emergency services and hospital."

A spokeswoman for the East of England Ambulance service said the Rev'd had been 'very lucky'.

She added: "The longer he had remained trapped under the car, the worse his burns from the exhaust could have been, so we can't thank the members of the public who helped lift the car off him enough - they were fantastic."

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Suspended sentence rise is second highest

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BEDFORDSHIRE has the second highest increase in the country for suspended prison sentences being handed out by judges.

A report that has been released by the Centre for Crime Prevention think-tank shows that almost 12,000 criminals have walked free from British courts with suspended sentences despite having at least 10 previous convictions.

Of the 11,670 repeat offenders who had their sentences suspended last year, 9,052 had 15 or more previous convictions on their record.

During 2012, 346 criminals in Bedfordshire had their prison terms suspended compared to just 10 back in 2002 - a rise of 35 per cent.

JUSTICE: Luton Crown Court



Neighbouring Hertfordshire topped the list with 10 criminals having their sentences suspended in 2002 and then 821 in 2012, an increase of 82 per cent.

The report's author, Peter

Cuthbertson said: "Thugs and sex offenders who think they are finally going to prison are overjoyed when find out that the prison sentence has been suspended. It makes a mockery of justice for victims and puts the public at great risk."

"These figures show that criminals given suspended sentences go on to commit hundreds of thousands of crimes."

"Suspended sentences should be abolished. Victoria In Australia is currently in the process of abolishing failing suspended sentences."

"In light of similar failings here, England Wales should do the same."

What do you think? Should more criminals go to prison or is it right to suspend sentences?

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newsbriefs

LEGAL ACTION OVER TRAVELLERS

LUTON council has begun legal proceedings to move travellers who have pitched around 10 vehicles on land at the junction of Sundon Park Road and Broomfield Road. "The council is aware of the travellers and is taking legal action," said a statement from the authority.

BOY IN MOTORCYCLE THEFT BID

A BOY was involved in the attempted theft of a 180mph motorcycle. The Yamaha R1 was parked in Ashcroft Road on Monday at 1.10pm when the owner found three people trying to push it away. They dropped it and ran. They are described as two males aged between 15 and 20 and a boy of about eight. Anyone with information should call 01234 846942.

X FACTOR 'VOICE' VISITS STUDENTS

PETER Dickson, the 'voice' of the X Factor, visited Luton this week. The voice coach and announcer spoke to University of Bedfordshire media students about his 37-year career which also includes Britain's Got Talent.

Carnival map released as town readies itself for a day of fun

IT'S not long until Luton comes to life for the annual carnival which takes place next Sunday (May 25).

Between noon and 6pm music from all over the world will serve as the soundtrack to an event where colour, culture and creativity are the keywords, and exhibitionism is the order of the day.

There will be something for all of the family to enjoy, with live music performances, dance, street arts and masquerade all on offer throughout the day.

The highlight of the day will be the spectacular parade which will begin making its way around the town centre from 1.30pm.

Hundreds of people are expected to make up the procession as they show off their intricate costumes and floats.

Music lovers will be able to enjoy a number of sound sites at Wardown Park, Moor Park and in the town centre, with something on offer for fans of every genre to dance to.

■ Turn to pages 22&23 to find out more about one of the groups set to feature in this year's parade.



PARTY TIME: Thousands of residents and visitors from outside Luton are expected to attend this year's festivities

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Hatters' quartet bag awards at ceremony

BY CARL MUNGAZI
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SUCCESS continued to roll in for newly-promoted Luton Town this week as the club netted a host of honours at the Non-League Paper's National Game Awards.

And in more good news for the club, it announced this week that 5,000 season ticket applications had been made via its 'Earlybird' scheme.

At the awards top-goal scorer Andre Gray was named Young Player of the Year, and defender Steve McNulty (pictured far right) Player of the Year.

Hatters' boss John Still (middle left) won a Lifetime Achievement award and Mark Tyler (middle right) won Goalkeeper of the Year.

The ceremony was held on Tuesday at Fulham's Craven Cottage ground.

Still said he was 'chuffed' with his award and that it was a 'great honour'.

He said: "If you get promotion it is always special, for Luton Town it is extra special – it was a special occasion, for Luton Town, not just John Still.

"I think it is a club that looks at itself



HONOURS: MD Gary Sweet (left) collected Gray's award

thinking they should not have been in the position they were in. To be able to bring them back to the football league is amazing."

McNulty said: "It's always nice to pick up personal awards. At my age things like this don't bother you but this is a really nice award.

"It's of the whole league and I am very privileged and honoured to get it

– it's an award that sits on the mantle piece and takes pride of place."

Tyler broke the club record of clean sheets after managing 23 in the Skrill Premier League.

The event was sponsored by the Budweiser Club Futures programme, an initiative which has seen £1m invested into non-league football over the past two seasons.

Jasmine's 'shock' at beauty title

THE winner of the Miss Bedfordshire 2014 competition has described her win as a 'shock'.

Jasmine Chavda, 23, from Dunstable (pictured centre), won the contest which was held at Luton Rugby Club.

Runners-up were Mwaka Grace Silunyange (left), 23, from Luton, and Megan Bayliss (right), 19, from Barton-Le-Clay.

Ms Chavda said: "I was so shocked when my name was announced, I felt mixed emotions of excitement and happiness and I did shed a few tears because it was completely unexpected.

"I cannot describe how I felt on the night, but it was an amazing feeling; especially knowing that I can now 'do my bit' to support the community of Bedfordshire in my reign."



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Benefits policy is attacked by MP

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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AN MP has criticised the government's benefits policy after figures revealed that the number of working people in the town making housing claims had risen.

Gavin Shuker, Luton South, MP (pictured), said the 'cost of living' crisis was affecting thousands of residents in the town.

Research by the House of Commons library showed that 2,586 employed people in Luton were claiming housing benefit in May 2010, and that this had risen to 4,652 by November last year.

Nationally, employed claimants stood at 586,181 in 2010 and 936,954 last year.

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) said housing benefit provided 'the right support for those on low-incomes who may be looking for full-time, better paid work', whilst there were



'record numbers' of people moving into work.

Mr Shuker said: "The Tories talk tough about reducing the benefits bill but the truth is they've failed to get to grips with the problem."

"In fact, their cost-of-living crisis has now left thousands of hard-working people in Luton relying on housing benefit to help pay their bills."

"It can't be right that people aren't able to keep a roof over their head without help from the state. We need a govern-

ment which raises standards for these people, and that is why recent pledges coming from the Labour Party really ring true with so many in the town."

A DWP spokeswoman said: "The truth is that the housing benefit bill was spiralling out of control in the years up to 2010, doubling to £20 billion in a decade and forecast to rise further."

"Action this government has taken is bringing that bill under control - saving the taxpayer over £2bn a year - and slowing the rise of housing benefit claimants in work, which increased by more than 50 per cent in just 18 months under the last government."

"We have also taken action to help hardworking people by increasing the tax-free personal allowance, freezing fuel-duty, cutting energy bills, and introducing free school meals and tax free childcare."

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Education suffers for young carers

BY KATHRYN CAIN
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ALMOST 1,400 young people in the county are caring for their relatives without being paid while their education suffers, new research has revealed.

According to the Children's Society, there are 1,358 children in Bedfordshire caring for their parents, siblings and family members, while nationally there are 166,363 young people doing the same,

all without being paid. In Luton alone, there are 496 young carers under the age of 16, whilst neighbouring Milton Keynes has 625 and Northamptonshire 1,404.

As a result, the Children's Society has launched a new schools programme to provide educational staff with resources and training to make sure young carers get vital support.

On Friday, four schools in Central Bedfordshire became

the first in the country to reach the gold standard for supporting young carers in the classroom as part of the scheme.

One was St Christopher's Academy in Dunstable.

Councillor Amanda Dodwell, from Central Bedfordshire Council, said the authority wanted teen carers to 'have the same chances as any other children to participate, learn and achieve their ambitions'.

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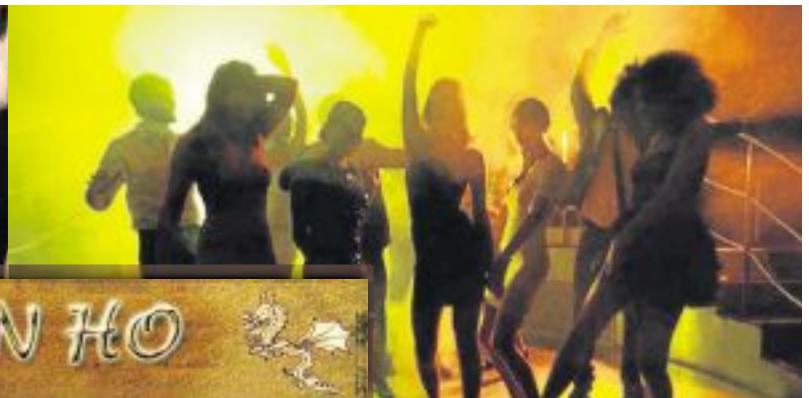
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 BY JULIA SUTTON
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Two solutions to fund repairs

SIR – After countless walks with my dog over many years around the beautiful Wardown Park, I have come up with a couple of solutions to help the council fund the cost of repair to the much loved bridge.

Firstly, go through the CCTV cameras on a daily basis and jot down all the car registration numbers of the owners who feel it necessary to wind down their windows in the car park and throw the remains of their takeaway food and packaging on the floor – despite having bins scattered every 20 metres – and fine them £1,000 for public littering. You'll fund the repairs in less than a year, trust me!

Secondly put the bridge repairs up for tender to building or construction companies on the basis they repair the bridge and in return they can advertise their company and services along the sides of the bridge.

Surely these options are a must in order to get the bridge re-opened. That's what we all want!

Steve, Luton

Don't blame OAPs for delays

SIR – I had to put pen to paper when on the news this morning they said you can't get an appointment with your GP for up to two weeks and I quote "it's down to old people living longer".

I can tell you I am spitting feathers. Where do they get their information from. Have

Save Wardown Park bridge

SIR – I write in reply to the letter in *Luton On Sunday* (May 11th) concerning the repairing of the suspension bridge in Wardown Park. Does A Lawrence have any interest in the history of Luton? Obviously not!

Does he even visit the park? Obviously not! We are extremely lucky to have such a wonderful park. My family and I walk there several hours every week. Mr Lawrence talks rubbish about his ludicrous plans for the lake.

The land was called Bramingham Shott and the house (now museum) was built by Frank

Chapman Scargill (a prominent Luton solicitor) in 1876, when he also laid out the park and had the bridge built. Eventually two council members bought the house and sold it to the council. It was opened to the public in July 1905.

I just thought I would give Mr Lawrence a short history lesson. Obviously he badly needs one.

This bridge must be repaired before it is beyond repair! Mr Scargill would be turning in his grave if he could see his legacy abandoned. This bridge deserves to be maintained or I fear it may

be lost just as many other Luton landmarks. One is the Wardown bandstand, which there are plans to rebuild. But let's hope we will not need to rebuild the bridge. Let's save it!

We cannot lose the lake – we would lose the heart of the park. It is also impractical as the lake is a part of the River Lea. To 'fill in', as Mr Lawrence puts it, a tributary of the Thames would be a huge operation, and cost much more than the £300,000 to save the bridge.

This bridge needs saving for generations to come! Mary Larman
Limbury Mead

Cancelling holidays won't help!

SIR – In Your Letters (*LoS*, May 4) David Oakley-Hill paints an apocalyptic picture of 'death by pollution'. He singles out air travel and exhorts us to forego foreign holidays to avoid flying. Yet he says the UK is especially polluted so why wouldn't any sensible person want to escape to a cleaner climate?

But if we took his advice the chances are that we'd use our fossil-fuelled cars to reach our holiday cottage where we would likely burn logs on an open fire. Yes, we'd stay round the smoking, CO2 belching fire rather than go for a walk across the downs because the view has been ruined by all those expensive, inefficient wind turbines which have frightened away all the birds – well all the ones they haven't killed with their 80mph whirling blades. But it doesn't matter because they produce 'green' electricity.

I don't dispute that we are continuing to pollute the atmosphere but we've always done so. The truth is that things are far better now and continue to improve. We should not be complacent but cancelling a few foreign holidays won't change anything. Mr Oakley-Hill and his well-meaning but myopic, self-styled 'friends' of the Earth should spend less time opposing economic and technological progress and more supporting it. We might then find that we can continue creating the wealth necessary to maintain man-kind's long history of building a safer, healthier world.

Ron Turvey
Stanmore Crescent, Luton

you been to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital in the Accident and Emergency Department lately. Yes, there are one or two OAPs, but there are all sorts in there and it's the same at GPs surgeries as well.

The infrastructure is not geared up for the number of people. Political parties don't do anything about it although they may now

promise us the world with elections coming up. Don't blame old people for the problem. In one breath they say we are living too long and then in the paper you read there is a pill you can take that will cure some illness or other so you live longer. You just can't win! AD Currant
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Grow old gracefully? Not a chance of that

LAST week was my birthday. I didn't do a lot but then I never have. There are those who celebrate their birthday as though it is the most important day in the year, and then there are those, like me, who hardly bother. Just another day, just another year older. My dad was worse and would not even allow us to send him birthday cards.

I am not that bad and accept, with as much grace as I can muster, cards, presents and drinks. I was slightly surprised, and pleased that quite a few people sent me felicitations on Facebook, who kind of celebrate for you.

I hope they don't mind too much when I fail to reciprocate. What I cannot avoid is the fact that it is another year older and another year nearer the last one.

This is true of course whatever age you are but starts to become more obvious the longer you live. I am middle-

aged but can glimpse old age beckoning me over the hill.

Of course as all would say, I don't feel any different. I am still compos mentis and still fairly fit and everything works. It is when occasionally I catch myself in a shop window and think 'who is that old git' that I realise I am no longer the young, dashing revolutionary. Not that I did much dashing or revolting in my youth.

These days there is a whole library of books from people, mainly celebs and women celebs at that, on what it is like to get older, so I won't bore you with my trials.

Partly because I do not have any trials and partly because I care not a lot. So my plan is to keep enjoying myself, keep misbehaving and not bother too much with birthdays.

TALKING of my youth I was reminded of my school days by a news item this week. A leading academic has said

that children calling teachers 'Sir' and 'Miss' was wrong.

Professor Jennifer Coates is more concerned over the 'Miss' title than 'Sir', as it is of less import, but thinks, in this modern age, first names should be used. I beg to differ.

I remember at the minor Grammar School I attended, it was all formality in the week but on Saturdays, when I played rugby for the school, it would change to first names. I told one teacher, or master, who did this every Saturday that I did not like it.

I was not his friend and did not want to be his friend, so could he call me Lowe, not Steve and I will call him Sir, not whatever his name was. We called the women teachers Madam not Miss by the way, probably because they were all old, married battle-axes in tweed suits. School needs a certain formality, which is more likely to bestow respect, than a pretend chumminess that does not sit well with students or teachers.

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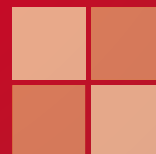
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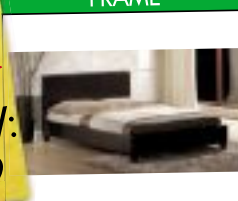
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The reception was hosted by the Royal College of Nursing and celebrated individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the nursing profession.

Forces agree on closer work ties

BY JULIA SUTTON
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THREE police forces are set to embark on a collaboration programme after crime commissioners (PCCs) signed an agreement.

A document outlining the approach to the changes has been approved by Bedfordshire PCC Olly Martins and his equivalents for Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

It enables them to work together on operational and organisational support

functions. All three commissioners hope it will allow the forces to deal with the challenges they are facing as a result of reduced budgets.

Mr Martins said: "The Strategic Alliance is looking at ways in which we can share services between the three forces to significantly improve the service we deliver to the public while freeing up valuable resources to help protect frontline policing in Bedfordshire for the future."

"The three forces already have a track record of

successful collaboration in areas such as roads policing, armed response, major crime and forensics.

"I am confident this programme, which represents an important aspect of our work to meet the challenges of the austerity measures, will build on that success."

Bedfordshire Police's chief constable Colette Paul said the alliance would help 'protect frontline policing while achieving better value for money'.

■ Read a column from Mr Martins on page 32.

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'Sadistic bully' is jailed for 12 years

BY JULIA SUTTON
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A MAN who subjected his partner's three-year-old son to a campaign of bullying and violence which left the boy with a brain injury from which he is unlikely to fully recover, has been given an extended sentence.

A judge branded Ryan Parker, 29, of Butlin Road, Luton, a 'sadistic bully', and gave him a 12-year jail term and a further five years on licence.

At Luton Crown Court on May 9 Judge Stuart Bridge said the little boy's mother was infatuated with Parker and failed to protect her son or seek help until he was at death's door.

The 24-year-old woman was jailed for 18 months after pleading guilty to allowing her child to suffer physical harm.

The boy, who is living with grandparents in another part of the country, cannot be named for legal reasons.

Parker was also found to be keeping and viewing images of child sex abuse on his computer while he was on bail for the cruelty and assaults.



PRISON SENTENCE: Ryan Parker

Some of them were at the most depraved level.

He had pleaded not guilty to cruelty and two charges of causing grievous bodily harm with intent, but was convicted by a jury in March.

He pleaded guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm which caused the serious head injury, and to 19 charges of possessing child abuse images and extreme pornography.

David Matthew, prosecuting, said the mother had left the boy's father and went to live with Parker in Butlin Road, Luton, in September 2012.

She had custody of her children on alternate weeks.

But during just one week in early November the boy

sustained injuries and bruises to 52 different areas of his body.

When he was finally taken to hospital he was transferred to intensive care in Cambridge and needed blood drained from his brain injury which had been inflicted when he was dragged across a bedroom floor.

He also had severe bruising to his buttocks, two probable cigarette burn marks, a badly bruised eye where he had been punched with a clenched fist and a bite mark to his abdomen.

There was other bruising to his body, which the judge said bore the hallmarks of deliberate sadism.

The mother was later to tell police that Parker disciplined the boy by shouting at him, pushing him, flicking him with a towel, making him stand in a dark cupboard or outside in the dark.

The judge told Parker: "This was an unedifying and truly horrific week of violence."

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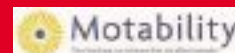
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Colourful carnival

BY CARL MUNGABI
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PREPARATIONS for next weekend's carnival are in their final stages with all the groups involved in the procession getting ready to impress with their colours and sound.

Among the ones hoping to catch the eye are Rampage, a carnival group based at the UK Centre for Carnival Arts.

It was founded in 1987 by Luton resident Colin Spalding and is a 115-strong unit, mainly made up of locals. They have been working on their procession costumes which have been created under the theme 'Africa: A Land of Colour'.

Mr Spalding said: "As a group our expertise is with carnival and we are the largest touring carnival group in the UK, and we also travel all over the world. We specialise in creating excitement and having the best costumes on show. "We are one of the biggest carnival bands and because of that we are asked to attend many carnivals."

The group has a wide reach in the carnival community, designing some of the costumes that appear in



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parades such as the one in Notting Hill. They have also been invited to places such as Hong Kong, Ireland, Ghana and Paris where they have put on shows and shared their expertise.

On Thursday, members attended a carnival competition in Denmark.

Talking about what visitors to Luton Carnival can see from Rampage, Mr Spalding said: "You can

expect to see lots of bright costumes and a high energy performance.

"Africa is full of life and we are going to show as much of it as we can. We want to continue to amaze people with our work."

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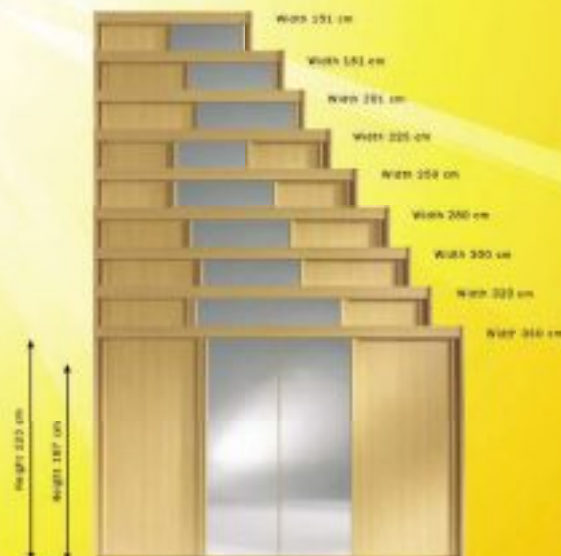
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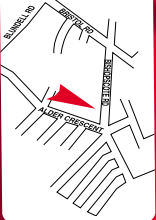
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KICK-OFF: The England squad was revealed at Vauxhall

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ENGLAND manager Roy Hodgson met with Vauxhall workers during a visit to Luton to announce his squad for the 2014 Brazil World Cup.

The Three Lions boss revealed the team on Monday at the car manufacturer's Griffin House HQ. Vauxhall is the national side's sponsors.

Hodgson met employees before fielding questions from the media about his selection. It was his second time at the HQ after a visit last year.

Cash snatched from two robbery victims

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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TWO robberies within two days saw one victim tackled at a cashpoint and another threatened with a knife.

The first incident took place on May 7 between 3.30pm and 3.40pm in Dunstable Road, Bury Park, close to the Yum Yum shop.

The 32-year-old victim was withdrawing cash from a cashpoint when two men approached him and grabbed some money from his hands.

A scuffle broke out, which was witnessed by several people in the busy road, before the robbers left the scene taking a small amount of cash.

The second robbery happened on May 9 at 1.15am in an alleyway which runs between Wenlock Street and High Town Road.

It involved a 36-year-old man who was making his way home from work when two men grabbed him from behind and threatened him with a knife.

They removed his mobile telephone and wallet containing cash and personal documents from his pockets before leaving the scene.

The officer in charge of both investigations, Detective Constable Rachel Chandler, said she wanted to trace witnesses to either robbery.

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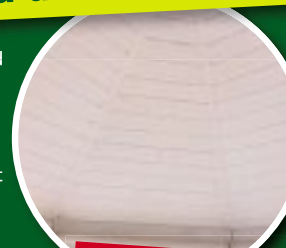
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Pro-active policing is the reason for rise in crime

SOON to be published official crime statistics are expected to show a modest rise in the overall recorded crime rate in the county.

This comes after several years of sustained reductions at a time when Bedfordshire Police has had to reduce its budget by £15 million.

People might expect that as Police and Crime Commissioner I would have an interest in keeping a rising crime rate quiet. But they'd be wrong for several reasons. Firstly, what the headline increase in recorded crime will conceal is that the offences responsible for producing an overall rise have only been recorded as a result of pro-active police operations.

Included are 474 offences due to the force's covert operation in a secondhand goods shop which resulted in the conviction of some 100 offenders. A further 145 offences relate to kerb crawlers stopped as part of the operation to tackle the street sex trade in High Town.

Without these offences, recorded crime in the county would have fallen. Indeed, burglary and robbery levels have still reduced in the last year. Secondly, there is a great deal of scepticism about recorded crime statistics, not



Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Olly Martins talks about the increase in crime rates

least following the recent assertion by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary that 20 per cent of crime could go unrecorded.

Last weekend I knocked on the door of a gentleman who could not believe crime has fallen dramatically over the last 20 years, yet this phenomenon can be seen not just in the UK but across the western world. But this gap between what statistics show and what people feel, is a problem for the police, not the public. I want Bedfordshire Police to get far better at informing local communities about how they are fighting crime and catching offenders, rather than just relying on a falling crime rate to convince people.

It is information about local successes that will encourage the public to work with the police to keep their neighbourhoods safe. However, I have no doubt that the crime recording rules can create perverse incentives, rewarding police inactivity (why run operations like those described above when they push your crime

rate up?) and appearing to the public to encourage the police not to record incidents as crimes.

But what of the impact of crime on victims? Resources for supporting victims have historically been allocated based on crime category. So a traumatised victim of what may be considered a relatively minor crime, or a victim who lacks the confidence to report one, may struggle to cope without help.

The new Victims' Code of Practice should move things forward and, when using my new power to commission services for victims, I intend to prioritise vulnerability rather than falling recorded crime rates. So, where research suggests there is significant under-reporting and where we want to see pro-active policing, I have agreed with Chief Constable Colette Paul a performance framework that calls for an increase in recorded crime. This will allow us to discover the scale of people's problems and deal with crime effectively.

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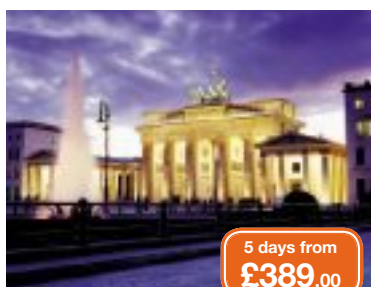
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FILM REVIEW

BAD NEIGHBOURS

Director: Nicholas Stoller

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THIS is arguably the best adult-teen comedy since last year's *We're the Millers*.

Seth Rogen may be a one-trick pony – pretty much playing the same guy in all his drug and alcohol-fuelled comedies – but with able support from an ever-improving Zac Efron (*High School Musical*) and Rose Byrne (*Bridesmaids*), this is above average fare.

This comedy will really hit home with any couple sporting a newborn baby (like myself), as Mac (Rogen) and Kelly Radner (Byrne) struggle with the pangs of parenthood – battling tiredness to retain any semblance of their youth.

And if being a parent isn't hard enough, when next door becomes a fraternity house, led by its enigmatic President Teddy (Efron) – who is aided by Dave Franco (*Now You See Me*) and Christopher Mintz-Plasse (*Superbad's* McLovin) – their life is turned upside down by the constant around-the-clock partying and noise pollution.

It then turns into a game of tit-for-tat – with the expected high-jinks ensuing (headlined by a hilarious air bag scene) – as the Radners do their best to get Delta House evicted from the neighbourhood, and in turn the young revellers make their lives a living hell.

With its winning Rogen-Efron, Rogen-Byrne and Efron-Franco dynamics, along with its fair share of laugh-out-loud moments, *Bad Neighbours* definitely ends up towards the better *Knocked Up* and *Superbad* end of Rogen's comedy catalogue – and his best in quite some time.

As with most modern comedies, it does have its lulls and ridiculous moments, but for a night out this offers a welcome distraction for the young adult demographic – without offering anything truly groundbreaking.

Written by Gavin Miller: Rating: 3/5



THE rest of this month sees a host of new films coming out with stars such as Hugh Jackman, Angelina Jolie, Clive Owen and Liam Neeson in action.

In *X-Men: Days of Future Past* (May 23), the world's favourite mutants make a return as Wolverine is sent to the past in a desperate effort to change history and prevent an event that

results in doom for both humans and mutants.

Words and Pictures (May 23) has Owen starring as an English teacher who forms a rivalry with an art instructor.

It ends up with a competition at their school in which students decide whether words or pictures are more important.

Jolie features in *Maleficent* (May 30) as an evil fairy who is driven to curse an infant

princess only to realize the child may be the only one who can restore peace.

Comedy film *A Million Ways to Die in the West* (May 30) has Charlize Theron, Seth MacFarlane, and Amanda Seyfried join Neeson in a story about a cowardly farmer who falls for the mysterious new woman in town and then has to deal with her notorious gun-slinging husband.

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David Nixon says: "My version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is about young dancers and the passions and tribulations that a young touring company get themselves entangled in.

"It was really important to me to bring the romantic elements out of this much-loved story. I always enjoy seeing the reaction of the audience to this ballet. It's great to hear them laughing!

"The ballet is very playful and uplifting and I think many people are pleasantly surprised to see so much humour captured in dance."

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Indeed, here at the Connells branch on George Street in Luton we have been working with a number of home movers looking to upsize or move to different areas.

These buyers have seen their homes increase in value over the last year, allowing them to take advantage of increased equity in their properties.

This is also great news for buyers. As more sellers enter the market, there will be a much needed boost in the number of homes available which should ease pent up demand.

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Branch Manager Bhavin Thakrar has worked at Connells in Leagrave since 2002, so knows the local housing market inside out. He is supported by Listings Manager Simon Goodacre, Sales Executive Christopher Cordwell, Negotiator Sarah Fitzgerald and Mortgage Services Consultant Duncan Turner. Together they offer local home buyers, sellers and property investors a range of services and the opportunity to make the most out of the current housing market.

"We have a fantastic team here at Connells in Leagrave," says Bhavin. "Working with home sellers in and around the area, we aim to help customers get the best price and timeframe for their sale. Not only this but we support buyers with our mortgage, conveyancing and surveying services so we can get a sale through as quickly and efficiently as possible."

Connells has recorded a significant upturn in housing market activity since the start of 2014 with huge increases in the number of buyers looking to purchase a property. However, demand is outstripping supply and the Connells team needs more properties to fulfil buyer demand.

"Buyers are out in force, both here and across the UK, so it is great time to think about selling your home," Bhavin continues. "I would urge anyone who has been thinking of moving home to get in touch and see what we could do for you."

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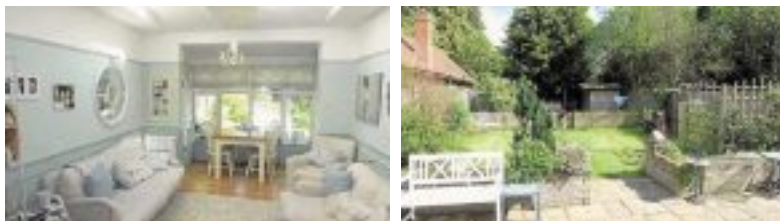
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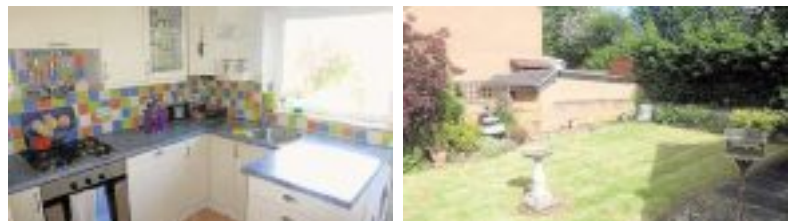
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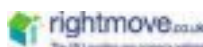
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Closing date for applications: 6 June 2014

Interviews will be held during w/c 23 June 2014

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Closing date: 1st June 2014. Interviews will be held 9th June 2014.

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For an informal discussion about this post, please contact Matt Corder or Ian Hobdell on 01582 400272

This post is subject to DBS clearance.

Closing date: 28 May 2014. Interviews to take place week commencing 2 June 2014.

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SURREY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Class Teachers - KS1 and KS2

MPS / UPS

Vacancy ID: 101327

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Please download an application form from www.surreystreetprimary.com and post it to the school address

Visits to the school are recommended please ring for an appointment, tel: 01582 748810.

(The school will be closed for Half Term w/c Mon 26 until Friday 30 May).

Deadline for applications is 9.30am Mon 9 June.

Interviews will be held on Mon 16 June.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

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Visits to the school and NQT applications are warmly welcomed.

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Goldington Green Academy is committed to the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all employers. Volunteers and contractors to share this commitment.

If you have not heard by 6th May 2014 please take this that you have not been shortlisted on this occasion.

Application packs are available by emailing Miss Clay at the school the school direct.

For further details please contact Rachel Clay tel: 01234 326335 or email: rclay@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk

Closing date: 12pm 2nd June 2014.

Interview date: w/c 9th June 2014.

Marston Vale Middle School
The Crescent, Stewartby Beds MK43 9NH

English Teacher**MPS****Full-time****Required from: 1st September 2014**

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For further details and an application pack please contact Miss C McMaster tel: 01234 768224 email: marstonm@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk

Closing date: 2nd June 2014 at 12.00 Noon.

Interview date: 9th June 2014.

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Closing Date: 6 June 2014.

Interview Date: 16 June 2014.

SURREY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cutenhoe Community Learning Park,
Cutenhoe Road, Luton LU1 3NJ

**Teaching Assistants (2)****£12,068 - £13,068 p.a.**

Vacancy ID: 101320

32 hours per week, term time only**1x permanent position****1x maternity cover position**

Surrey Street is a popular and expanding primary school in the centre of Luton. We recently moved to a larger site and are opening additional classes every year.

We are looking for 2 Teaching Assistants to join our Inclusion Team:

Post 1 - is linked to Pupil Premium funding and mainly targets children with Special Needs.

You will be supporting children with IEPs in small groups or individually and will be involved in supervising over lunchtime.

Post 2 - is maternity cover with a focus on supporting behaviour. You will be working with children with emotional needs either in groups or individually in class and the whole school at break and lunchtimes. You will need to be nurturing yet firm with patience and optimism.

Each post is for 32 hours a week, term time only.

Please download an application form from www.surreystreetprimary.com and post it to the school address.

Visits to the school are recommended please ring for an appointment tel: 01582 748810 (The school will be closed for Half Term w/c Mon 26 until Friday 30 May).

Deadline for applications is 9.30am Wed 4 June.

Interviews will be held on Wed 11 June.

Surrey Street Primary School is committed to the protection and safety of our pupils. We will make checks on all applicants and this post requires enhanced clearance from the DBS.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.

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Closing date: 2 June 2014

Interview date: TBC

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General Vacancies

Haynes Lower School

Foresters' Close, Haynes, Bedfordshire MK45 3PR



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CLASS TEACHER

MPS / UPS Vacancy ID: 101347

We are looking for someone who is an excellent classroom practitioner to start in September 2014. You will be enthusiastic, highly motivated and demonstrate a passion for teaching and learning.

Haynes Lower School is a small, one form entry village school. We are a happy and successful school, committed to delivering an exciting and inspirational curriculum whilst at the same time raising standards of achievement.

We are looking for someone who:

- is an excellent classroom practitioner or an Outstanding NQT
- demonstrates outstanding ability in the classroom
- has high expectations of pupil achievement and behaviour
- works well as part of a team
- has energy, enthusiasm and a passion for learning
- demonstrates excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

In return you will be offered excellent opportunities to develop professionally as a teacher and receive support from a highly dedicated and skilled team of professionals.

Visits to the school are welcomed and recommended.

Haynes Lower School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. All posts are subject to enhanced DBS checks and satisfactory references.

For further information or to request an application pack please contact Mrs Rae McPherson, at the school address, tel: 01234 381225 or email: haynes@cbc.beds.sch.uk

Closing Date: Monday 2 June 2014, 3pm.
Interview Date: Friday 6 June 2014.

St Christophers Academy

Gorham Way, Dunstable, Beds LU5 4NJ



KS2 CLASS TEACHER

MPS / UPS Vacancy ID: 101335

St Christophers Academy is looking to appoint a Key Stage 2 teacher from September 2014; applications are welcome from NQT's, new & experienced teachers.

We are looking for people who:

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Closing Date: 30 May 2014.
Interview Date: 5 June 2014 & 6 June 2014.

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General Vacancies

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Commissioning Officer - Wellbeing and Prevention

£28,922 - £31,160 per annum

Vacancy ID: 101339

Under the direction of the Commissioning manager and relevant local partnerships for Wellbeing, Prevention and Housing Related Support services you will implement and monitor specific and cross cutting commissioning intentions and implementation plans for vulnerable people within Luton and where appropriate across authority boundaries.

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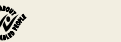
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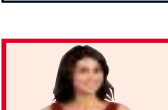
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You will have:

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- the ability to work well within a team.

Responsibilities include staffing the school switchboard and reception, greeting parents and visitors and responding to queries and undertaking general clerical duties including filing, photocopying, mail and faxing.

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(ICT and Science Departments)****SALARY: L6 - £20,721 actual salary**

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The Order will come into operation 2nd June 2014 and cease operation after 27th June 2014 or when the proposed works have been completed. Specific dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to pedestrians the footpath and length of footpath in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described as above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable works to be carried out to facilitate the replacement of gas mains and service pipes to properties.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for pedestrians will be marked by signs.

SCHEDULE

FOOTPATH	LENGTH OF FOOTPATH
Foxbury Close.	From outside No. 9 Foxbury Close to outside No. 456 Old Bedford Road

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.11) ORDER 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on 12th May 2014 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on 1st June 2014 and cease operation after 30th March 2015 or when the proposed works have been completed. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described as above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The Order will also provide for a "No Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm" waiting restriction to apply in each road for the period of the closure. This will be in force when cones are displayed. Vehicles will be prohibited from accessing and parking on the road with exception to vehicles used by the emergency services and vehicles being used in connection with the works. Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Avebury Avenue.	The whole length.
Blandford Avenue.	The whole length.
Egdon Drive.	The whole length.
Ferrars Close.	The whole length.
Gardenia Avenue.	The whole length.
Hayhurst Road.	The whole length.
Hemingford Drive.	The whole length.
Kendale Road.	The whole length.
Letchworth Road.	The whole length.
Linden Road.	The whole length.
Norton Road.	The whole length.
Ripley Road.	The whole length of the cul-de-sac section.
Sherborne Avenue.	The whole length.
Stratton Gardens.	The whole length.
Tomlinson Avenue.	The whole length.
Westlote Gardens.	The whole length.

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.12) ORDER 2014

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SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Blundell Road.	From its junction with Trinity Road to its junction with Bristol Road.
Trinity Road.	From its junction with Kingsley Road to its junction with Bishopsclote Road.

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
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DATED: 18th May 2014

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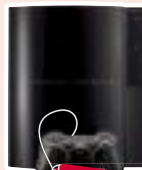
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A season which won't be forgotten – Luton are back

HATTERS SEASON REVIEW

Hatters reporter Tom Sharp reviews a Luton Town season which will live long in the memory.

BY TOM SHARP

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LUTON Town chief executive Gary Sweet's portrayal of the saga was perhaps the most poignant.

"It feels like we've been released from prison," declared a euphoric Sweet just over 24 hours after the Hatters' Football League return had been guaranteed. Few Town fans would find better words to describe their recent plight.

Five years festering in the fifth tier of English football. Banished via a 30-point deduction due to various misdemeanours behind the scenes at Kenilworth Road in the years before. Luton were a sleeping giant ready to be awoken. Enter the former salesman to flog his message to the Town masses and their under-achieving troops.

John Still, once an industrial cleaning supplies peddler before turning his full attention to football management in the late 1980s, has seen it all in his four-decade spell in the dug-out. Having worked his magic at Dagenham and Redbridge and Dartford to name but two from his flourishing résumé, he was up for a new challenge and cited Luton as the ideal project. Just 15 months later and he has succeeded where five others before him failed.

Not every Skirill Premier game produced the razzle-dazzle of emphatic home wins over Hereford United and Kidderminster Harriers. As musical midfielder Matt Robinson so articulately described it in his 'champions rap', Town's start to the season was less Jaguar and more go-kart.

Despite capturing talismanic midfielder Luke Guttridge and striker Paul Benson, another former Dagenham colleague of Still, on loan from Swindon Town, a meagre return of just four goals and ten points in their opening eight games left the Luton faithful wondering if this was to be yet another fruitless campaign for the bookies' pre-season favourites.

A Wrexham horror show on a Friday the 13th in mid-September even had Still questioning his own team selection and tactics. A desperate 2-0 defeat initiated some soul-searching. This self-analysis seemed to change the Hatters' mindset and their fortunes.

That Welsh wake-up call was to be Town's last league defeat for just over six months as Luton went from first to fifth gear and brushed aside most in their path.

To this day, captain Ronnie Henry still renounces any part he played in his side's remarkable turnaround against Lincoln City. His famous rant at an irate Hatters fan in the second half of Town's 3-2 comeback win, just two games into their eventual 27-match unbeaten run, epitomised the Hatters' newfound belief.

From that moment, an air of unity between players and fans was born. As the wins began to rack up, that bond grew stronger and Town even adopted a post-match huddle for the team and selected home fans. Everyone knew the tide was turning.

With the wins came the glut of goals. Thankfully for Andre Gray anyway. The lightning-quick frontman had failed to net in Luton's first ten games but finally opened his account with the fourth in his side's 4-0 triumph at Woking. The first of a 30-goal league haul that eventually saw him claim the 2013/14



JUBILATION: Two young fans celebrate the season

top goal-scorer award ahead of Halifax's Lee Gregory. Collectively, fifteen goals in Town's four October league games including Alex Wall's winning belter against Halifax sent a rejuvenated Luton third and just eight points shy of unbeaten Cambridge United. Soon it was to be the U's chasing the Hatters' tail.

A tricky November saw Still's men crash out of the FA Cup at Welling but crucially keep their march towards the Skirill Premier summit on track with three wins from five matches. Their goalless Gateshead draw on a sodden north-east afternoon was a point gained but a memory to be lost.

However, Steve McNulty's 30-yard volley, recently voted fans' goal of the season, in a 3-0 Southport win more than made up for it.

Games like Gateshead served up nothing more than gritty and professional performances but as the festive period approached, Luton were not in the giving mood as they ambushed their main rivals.

An imperious 5-0 drubbing at sixth-placed Alfreton Town was soon to be backed up by a gutsy 2-1 win at Edgar Davids' Barnet, best known for Jonathan Smith's horrific leg-break, and the aforementioned 6-0 post-Christmas stuffing of fifth-placed Kidderminster at Kenilworth Road. Just like the star on top of the Christmas tree, Luton ended 2013 aloft the Skirill Premier table in spellbinding form and hopeful of a happy 2014.

The New Year almost began with a washout as a drenched Kenilworth Road witnessed a rain-delayed victory over Barnet in front of the

BT Sport cameras. On the hour mark and with Luton leading 2-0, the referee convened with both team captains to decide if the match should continue. With the crowd insistent on the conclusion and the television executives waving their chequebook, the game resumed and the soaked Hatters clung on to another precious three points.

Just like the FA Cup, the much-maligned FA Trophy heralded little success for Town as a young side saw their passage to the final four blocked by title rivals Cambridge in a replay. A blessing in disguise though as the U's calendar became cluttered while Luton temporarily licked their wounds but pressed their attention back on to Skirill Premier matters.

League leaders Luton, buoyed by the signatures of West Ham United powerhouse Pelly Ruddock and Welling United centre-back Fraser Franks, were a maximum of 17 games from a rightful Football League return.

All were wary of the Hatters' domination by February and the unstoppable juggernaut showed no signs of relenting as they netted 17 goals against Hereford, Nuneaton and Wrexham without reply. A date with destiny at Richard Money's Cambridge in early March was surely the only thing to topple Town.

The U's threw the proverbial kitchen sink at the league leaders but when Mark Cullen acrobatically steered Luton's last-gasp equaliser and kept the unbeaten run alive, even Cambridge conceded the fight was over. The 15-point gap between first and second looked an insurmountable gap to bridge.

If there was any hope for the chasing pack, it came in the form of Garry Hill's well-drilled Woking side.

Their Monday night heroics live on BT Sport finally ended Town's monumental 27-match unbeaten run and handed them their first home league defeat of the season as Giuseppe Sole hit a late winner in a shock 1-0 win. Deflated but still determined, Luton battled on in search of that elusive escape from fifth-tier prison.

Two consecutive wins over Chester and Grimsby Town showed the Hatters were not in the midst of a blip but they did fall at the hands of sharpshooter Gregory at the Shay in a 2-0 defeat at Halifax. The final month of the season was to be a nail-biter for Luton lovers.

Just as they had done after the Woking loss, Luton bounced back from defeat up north with wins over three struggling sides in Dartford, Aldershot and Tamworth in the south. This show of character had led them to a defining day at home to Braintree Town. A win would see them realise their promotion dream.

In front of a sell-out crowd and with the television spotlight pointed at Kenilworth Road yet again, few foresaw a ten-man Braintree win. Two late goals from Jake Howells and Wall could not salvage the desired three points. A timid showing in such high stakes. The wait was to go on.

To the elation of every single Hatter, young and old, the delay was a mere three days though. Not bitter about their hiding earlier in the season, Kidderminster knocked the final two nails into Cambridge's promotion coffin and handed the title to Town. Twitter was ablaze with #LutonAreBack. The promotion party had begun.

That raw emotion came to the fore at the conclusion of Luton's 2-1 win at Welling United on Easter Saturday as the 2,000 Hatters in attendance surged onto the pitch. The world's largest post-match huddle ensued as fans lauded their heroes.

So it was a fortress Kenilworth Road return on Easter Monday to see the champions lift the title in style. A 4-1 thumping of Forest Green Rovers for another full house ended a near-perfect home season for Still's men. Only Woking and Braintree had entered the amphitheatre and grabbed three points. A statistic that defined a formidable season.

Understandably fatigued from the week's celebrations, Town flopped to a 1-0 win over bottom side Hyde thanks to Wall's 70th-minute side-foot. Nevertheless, the Hatters had broken personal and long-standing Conference records in the process. From most Luton clean sheets in one season to over 100 points and the biggest gap between the champions and second place ever in the league, Town's final totals were remarkable. Luton had gone from go-kart to Rolls Royce in an eight-month evolution.

Now amongst the Football League glitterati such as Accrington Stanley and Carlisle United, Town have much to look forward to. A slim chance of bagging a League Cup game against fierce rivals Watford, automatic entry into the first round of the FA Cup, four stands at grounds, a local derby with Stevenage FC and a return to next season's FIFA game.

Chief executive Sweet felt the Hatters could be in the Premier League soon enough. That would require promotions as quick as the free-fall that forced them out of the Football League five years ago. Nonetheless, the future's bright, the future's orange. Well until Hatters fans vote for their favourite kit colour again next season anyway.

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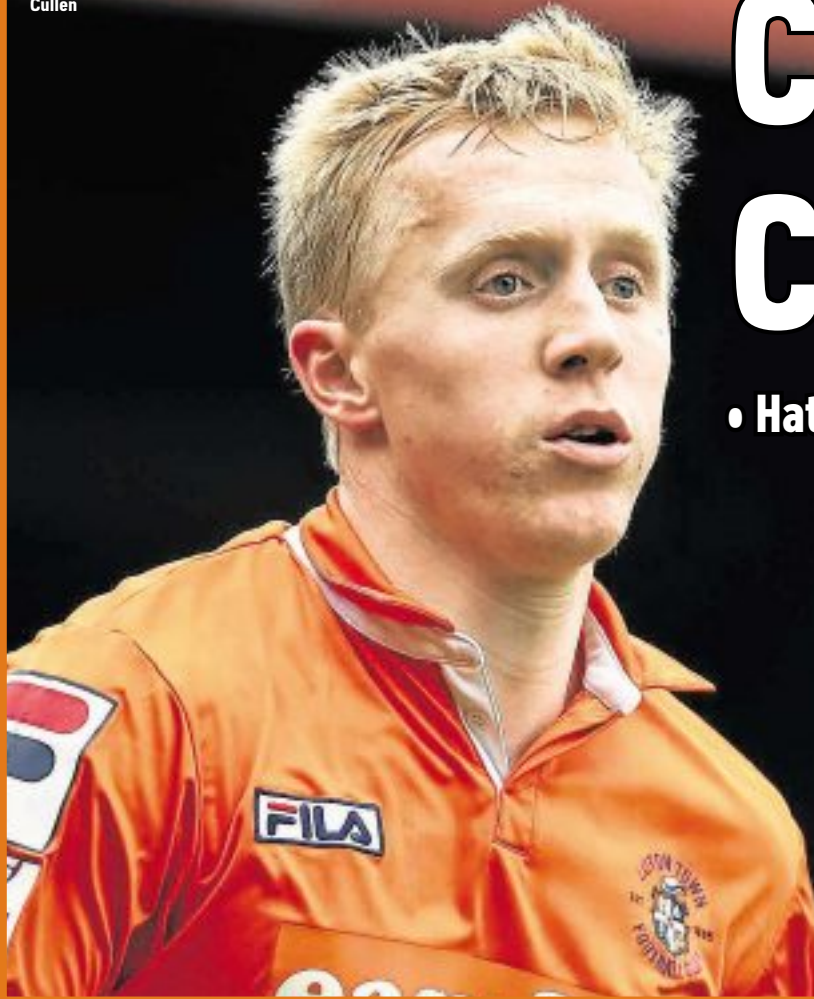


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NEW DEAL: Mark Cullen



Cullen and Curtley sign

• Hatters add Williams and tie down striker

LUTON Town have continued their preparation for life back in the Football League by signing right-back Curtley Williams and extending the contract of striker Mark Cullen.

Williams joins the Hatters from Ryman Premier League play-off winners Lowestoft Town and has penned a two-year contract, which will begin on July 1.

"We've watched Curtley extensively this season and we've all been very impressed," said Luton boss John Still.

"He is an ambitious man who comes under the 'young and hungry' bracket, and one we see having a bright future ahead of him."

"He likes to get forward, he has great energy and pace, and he is an ideal age."

"He's not a kid, not a teenager that perhaps lacks that little bit of nous, but he's got experience and, most impor-

tantly, he's a player who we can improve and develop further."

Twenty-two-year-old Cullen meanwhile has penned a three year deal at Kenilworth Road which will run until the end of the 2016/17 campaign.

He joined the Hatters in the summer following his release from Hull City and scored 10 goals in 36 appearances as he helped the Town win the Skrill Premier title.

However, he has at times found opportunities limited due to the form of Andre Gray and Paul Benson.

"Mark is probably one of the most unluckiest strikers around, given the competition he's been up against this season," added Still.

"However, we've recognised his contribution this season with a new contract. He's a big part of what we've achieved and what we hope to achieve in the future."

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